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Bribing in Arms Deals
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Switzerland has rejected India's request for legal assistance in investigating two Swiss companies suspected of bribing Indian officials to win arms deals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) Switzerland has refused legal assistance in investigation of one Swiss Company namely M/s RAD.

(b) & (c): In the matter of a case registered against a private person, unknown officials of M/s Rheinmetall Air Defence (RAD) & others on the allegation that M/s Rheinmetall Air Defence AG paid illegal gratification to the private person to stall the process of blacklisting of M/s Rheinmetall Air Defence AG for influencing the official of Ministry of Defence, Central Bureau of Investigation issued Letter Rogatory to the competent Judicial Authority / Attorney General in Confederation of Switzerland on 3.8.2012. The said Letter Rogatory has been rejected by the Swiss authorities on 13.7.2015.
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